## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 686 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to recognize Narcissus Owens on the occasion of her retirement from Santa Fe Unit School and the Maury County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Narcissus Owens is one such estimable educator; having distinguished herself as an exemplary classroom teacher, she will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens has served with acumen and alacrity as a second grade teacher for 32 exemplary years in the Maury County School System, instructing and positively influencing the children at Santa Fe Unit School; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in and lending her support to numerous civic and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Narcissus Owens has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; so great is the love and respect she has earned from her students that she even has a horse named in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Owens truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Narcissus Owens, commending her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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